Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: KidsPoint C Street

Provider No.: 24556

Address: 5830 C St Sw, Cedar Rapids, IA, 52404

County: Linn

Director's Name: Ginny Scott

On-Site Supervisor: Ginny Scott

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HHS Visit Date: 06/30/2026

Licensing Period: 06/01/2026 to 06/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 10/25/2023

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [X] Year-Round
- [ ] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

- [X] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [X] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [X] School Age
- [X] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	50	21	82	71	224
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

KidsPoint in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is owned and operated by Waypoint Services a nonprofit organization based in Cedar Rapids. Waypoint has run KidsPoint for over 30 years. Waypoint including KidsPoint is governed by a board of directors and a board of trustees. KidsPoint operates the following two licensed childcare programs in Linn County: KidsPoint Downtown Learning Center & Preschool (KPDLCP) and KidsPoint C Street (KPCS). Specifically, this license and inspection report pertains to KPCS. This program operates year-round, M-F 6:30am-6:00pm and serves infant through school-age children. Total enrolled and attending children were reported to be 110 on 6/30/2026.

Executive director of all KidsPoint childcare is Ashley Meyer. Ms. Meyer has a BA in elementary education, has experience working with children and participates in professional development. KPCS's combined director on-site supervisor (OSS) is Ginny Scott. Ms. Scott qualified for the director role in June of 2026. Ms. Scott has experience working with children and participates in professional development.

On 6/30/2026, program space was observed. Primary programming occurs in age defined classrooms. The building has sufficient restrooms and handwashing sinks to accommodate total capacity. The center has an on-site kitchen and outdoor play area. Since the last review, management talked about obtaining a new kitchen lead who has completed ServSafe in the past and who helps ensure there is a good variety of foods offered. Management also indicated the program has obtained an intern. On 6/30/2026, areas of study during the monitoring visit included "Fun in the Sun", summer season and upcoming Fourth of July celebration. Activities observed included small group work and center play exploration. Evidence of previous days' work included very noteworthy displays of child art (e.g. milestone crafts) in various areas of the center. During the monitoring visit, routine transitions were also observed to go smoothly and included clean-up procedures, lunchtime rituals and restroom/drink breaks. Curriculum on the day of the monitoring visit allowed for a variety of

experiences that piqued child interest as well as encouraged social emotional growth, innovation and child choice. On 6/30/2026, staff were observed to be utilizing positive behavior interventions when needed and engaged in programming with the children. Children appeared comfortable with staff and to be enjoying the day.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

According to the family and employee handbook, the philosophy of KidsPoint is to provide "…a high quality, nurturing environment where children are encouraged to reach their fullest potential in all areas of development."

KidsPoint has the following website for the community and enrolled families to learn more about their programs: http://www.kidspointchildcare.org/.

As of 6/30/2026, the KPCS's management team (e.g. Ms. Meyer, Ms. Scott) continues efforts to maintain systems of organization to help ensure administrative items are completed as required and secured in a confidential manner. The management team is knowledgeable of licensing guidelines as well as their own program's policies and procedures. Several staff throughout the classrooms reported celebrating 22 years, 10 years, 5 years, and 3 years of employment with KidsPoint. Management acknowledged their seasoned team of staff who treat one another and the children like family.

On 6/30/2026, KPCS was again found to be maintaining most required postings, maintaining family-program information centers, offering regular newsletters, utilizing technological communication resources, and offering family programming activities. Curriculum includes Creative Curriculum, teacher inspired ideas, STEAM programming, social emotional leaning, on-site guest speaker events (e.g. orchestra, sports), seasonal parties (e.g. Valentine's exchange, pj day) and off-site field trip experiences (e.g. local pumpkin patch, library, mini golf, splash pads, local parks for hikes and picnics). Management discussed having a very successful 2026 summer program as evidenced by the positive family feedback received.

KPCS continues to have and update as needed policies and procedures that include those for safety, daily child contact, hand washing, diaper changing, cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting. On 6/30/2026, staff and management were able to verbalize how they help ensure the children's space is sanitary and hazard free each day by following their current policies and procedures as well as maintaining checklists for cleaning and maintenance. Management also acknowledged having additional supports from their board of directors, board of trustees, community partnerships and through their CACFP participation. KidsPoint's two childcare locations also have some opportunity to collaborate with one another on the sharing of ideas/planning, curriculum and professional growth training.

KidsPoint childcare programs have emergency plans, policies, and procedures in place which are annually reviewed and updated as needed. Their childcare locations have successfully navigated through flooding events (2008 historic Linn County flood), relocation situations, 2019 winter Polar Vortex, 2019 health (covid-19) pandemic, 8/10/20 Derecho Storm, 2021 food supply issues, 2022 infant formula shortages, air quality alerts (2023, 2025, 2026), technology outages (7/19/24 global technology outage, 10/10/2025 AWS outage, 10/29/2025 Microsoft outage) and 2026 nationwide cyclosporiasis outbreak.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.8(2): Ratio maintained in center as required:Brief absence of staff person permitted for 5 or less minutes when another staff person is presentAt least one staff is present in every room where children are resting.If ratio reduced to one staff per room during nap time, does not exceed one hour and ratio in center is still maintained.Ratio in infant rooms is always maintained.When more than eight children are present on the licensed premises, at least two staff members shall be present.For a period of two hours or less at the beginning and end of the center's hours of operation, one staff member may care for eight or fewer children, provided no more than four of the children are under two years of age and there are no more than eight children in the center.Ratio exceeded for school-age children when school classes unexpectedly start late, are dismissed early, or cancelled. For no more than four hours, care is limited to children already in the program and licensed capacity is not exceeded.

109.9(1)b: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.

109.9(1)c: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.

109.9(2)i: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, Chiropractor, PA, or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.

109.9(2)j: School-age (for children five years and older and enrolled in school): Annual statement of health status signed by parent is submitted prior to admission, certifies that the child is free of communicable disease, and lists allergies, medications and acute/chronic conditions.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that:Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.Sufficient lighting shall be provided.Sufficient ventilation.Sufficient heating.Sufficient cooling.Equipment placed in the program area is maintained so as not to result in injury to the children.

109.11(8)c: All centers: Annual inspection prior to heating season of all fuel-burning appliances to reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and shall install one carbon monoxide detector on each floor that conforms to UL Standard 2034.

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

109.8(2): Ratio maintained in center as required.
- School-age children were allowed to leave the designated program space to access the center hallways including hallway restrooms without being in sight and sound of staff.

109.9(1)b: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
- Staff file reviewed (DB hired February 2023) lacked documentation of a physical exam with TB screening/testing on required form 470-5152.

109.9(1)c: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.
- Staff file reviewed (BJ hired August 2025) lacked documentation of current mandatory child abuse reporter training and Essentials training.

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- Child file reviewed (WH) lacked documentation of physical exam.

109.9(2)j: School-age (for children five years and older and enrolled in school): Annual statement of health status signed by parent is submitted prior to admission, certifies that the child is free of communicable disease, and lists allergies, medications and acute/chronic conditions.
- Child file reviewed (DK) lacked documentation of a current annual health statement.

109.11(8)c: All centers: Annual inspection prior to heating season of all fuel-burning appliances to reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and shall install one carbon monoxide detector on each floor that conforms to UL Standard 2034.
- Documentation of an annual all fuel burning appliance inspection was not found on the day of the monitoring visit.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
- On the day of the monitoring visit, a child reportedly got sick in the jack-and-jill restroom conjoining the green and yellow rooms. Soiled open laundry and partial mopping was observed. When asked, staff indicated the incident happened

earlier in the day and that no one had been available yet to properly clean and disinfect.
- An area of green room's flooring is dilapidated creating a tripping hazard. Remedy.
- Tape was observed covering some orange room's trim and window seat area to help prevent splinters. Remedy.
- Power wash outdoor climbing equipment.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Remove over-the-counter medication from first-aid kits/bags. Any medication on-site shall be labeled (child or staff), stored in an inaccessible manner and have required medication authorization-documentation to administer.

In the orange room, items are being stored in a cased opening behind a child bookshelf. Ensure items in that area do not present a fall or topple injury hazard.

Staff food stored in a refrigerator with child food shall be labeled and fully enclosed. Staff food stored in same area as child food shall not pose any sanitation of health hazard to the children. If there is a separate refrigerator solely for staff foods, please label that refrigerator staff (e.g. red room).

Continue to ensure postings are updated in all areas they are posted (e.g. lesson plans, menus, daily schedules, cleaning reminders, illness postings, special care notes such as food allergy).

Please ensure staff know to call the main office and kitchen if any child is requesting more food (e.g. blue room).

Increase loose outdoor play materials for older children and begin to budget for replacement and updating of child room materials (e.g. manipulatives, blocks, crafts, sensory).

As funding becomes available, please consider obtaining an additional clothes washer and dryer as well as install a hand-washing sink in the school-age area.

To help with the items outlined in this report, please apply for the "Growing Iowa" fund (https://www.iowaccrr.org/child-care-providers/iowa-child-care-funding-opportunities/) designed to support childcare in Iowa by connecting with CCR&R.

Targeted Assessment: Behavior Management
Licensing discussed with management including director Ms. Meyer oversight of behavior management related to helping childcare staff: 1) understand expectations, 2) manage frustrations, and 3) monitor performance. Management discussed being familiar with Tanager Place's Infant Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation (IECMHC) program which includes resources to address challenging behaviors as well as provide staff with professional development and designated time to talk about their room and any frustrations. Management discussed how they are present in the center talking with staff, sponsoring staff EAP, scheduling extra staff whenever possible, ensuring staff have breaks, establishing child behavior plans, communicating with families, completing incident reports, and exercising required polices for enrollment and discharge of children as needed. Management also talked about holding regular staff meetings to review policies and how staff have opportunities for professional development regarding child behaviors and PBIS.

A full license is issued. Thank you for the visit.

Date: 08/05/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Amy Lyons

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Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Care License. Please take steps necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above.

Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. You can reach Child Care Resource and Referral at **https://iowaccrr.org**.